MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): A prisoner in Jail could not be said to be leading a movement?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is an argument. He has given you an answer. Their conclusions may be correct or may be wrong. He has given you an answer.

Automatic Electric Traffic Signals.

134. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to question No. 89, asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th August 1929 (Vol. XV of the Legislative Council Proceedings, page 144), *re* automatic electric traffic signals, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the experiment was successful;

(*b*) whether the same has been put into practice; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether it can be introduced here also?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Various systems are still under experiment.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There is no necessity as yet.

Construction of Tube Wells in South Travancore.

135. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of tube wells successfully constructed in South Travancore up to 1st Tulam 1106 and the total amount sanctioned and spent for them?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) One tube well in the Executive Engineer's Bungalow, Nagercoil. Information about the exact expenditure is not available, it being an old work.

(2) One tube well in Suchindram Car Street. There was no estimate. Expenditure Rs. 1,188.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state what was the amount sanctioned for sinking tube wells in South Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Ten wells were proposed to be sunk. The estimate was sanctioned for all these wells together.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Was any amount sanctioned for sinking wells in South Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether any amount was budgetted for sinking wells in South Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

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MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member the object with which that amount was budgetted for? Was it for any particular class of people or for any particular year when there was water scarcity?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The wells were not earmarked for any particular community. They were meant for the locality.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the answer contained in part (1) will the member be pleased to state why the tube well was sunk in the Executive Engineer's bungalow at Nagercoil?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That was done sixteen or seventeen years ago.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Why was that done?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is a work executed sixteen or seventeen years ago. The information about that is not available now.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether that well was sunk with the object of demonstration or for the use of public?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That well was sunk sixteen years ago. The Executive Engineer's bungalow is a residential quarter and naturally a well was sunk. Government servants too must drink water.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why tube wells were not sunk in Muttom and other places?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That information is not available.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member whether any attempt was made by the P. W. D. to sink wells in places like Muttom, Puthallam and the amount spent on experimental work?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): So far as the amount is concerned I have answered. The P. W. D. attempted to sink some more wells which were not found practicable to bring to a successful termination.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the amount spent for the experimental work?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I shall give a few details. One well for the Military Detachment at Suchindram was attempted to be sunk and an amount of Rs. 427, chackrams 21, cash 9 was spent on it. But it could not be brought to a successful termination. Another well at Kottar was taken up, but further boring was found to be impracticable. A third well near the Suchindram car street was also partly done, but it had to be stopped, as the boring was found to be difficult on account of rocky sub-soil.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Was any attempt made at Muttom and Puthallam?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Attempts were made only in the three places mentioned by me. No other attempt was made. There is no record to show whether any attempt was made anywhere else.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether any attempt was made at Muttom?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member has answered that from the papers in his hands that he is not able to give a reply.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): The Department has spent a lot of money and the member says that there is no record.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Just now no record is available. If the member is particular I will call for the records.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If you give a specific interpellation on that question, you will get answer.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): My interpellation is whether any well was successfully sunk?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That has been answered.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): From the answer of the member I understand that one well was attempted in the caste village at Suchindram and it was not a success. That is what I understood from the reply of the member. But in the printed answer it is given as Suchindram car street and the expenditure is Rs. 1,188. My question is what is the number of tube wells successfully carried out in South Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Two wells were attempted at Suchindram, one was successful and the other was unsuccessful.

Appointments made in the Co-operative Department.

136. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of appointments made in the Co-operative Department during the period between 1-12-1103 and 15-4-1106 by them and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies (separately);

(*b*) the number of Muslims who were appointed by them and that appointed by the Registrar during the period; and

(*c*) the number of Muslims who applied to them and the number of Muslims who applied to the Registrar during the period?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The statements* required by the member are laid on the table.

(*c*) The numbers are 5 and 6 respectively.

Pay of Koran teachers.

137. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that there is a general dissatisfaction in the Muslim community that the claims of Koran teachers in the matter of their allowance or pay have been ignored; and

* *Vide* Appendix XXII—Page 598.

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